



Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area

Pennsylvania

Authorized November 12, 1996

Years since Designation

1996

2002

Management Entity Steel Industry Heritage Corporation (private non-profit corporation)

Management Plan Status approved

Square Mileage of Counties in Heritage Area 5,065

2000 Census Data

Data	2000 Census	Percent Change from 1990
<i>Total Population</i>	2,297,676	-2.5
<i>Persons under 18 Years, Percent</i>	22.3	-4.2
<i>Persons 25-44 Years, Percent</i>	27.7	-6.1
<i>Persons Over 65 Years, Percent</i>	17.7	+2.5
<i>White Alone, Percent</i>	93.5	-2.2
<i>Hispanic Origin, Percent</i>	0.6	+33
<i>Black or African American, Percent</i>	4.6	+16.8
<i>Median Household Income (2000 \$)</i>	38,067	+22.4
<i>Percent Unemployed</i>	5.2	-41.8
<i>Percent Below Poverty Level</i>	10.2	-31.2

Resources Profile

<i>Number of National Register Properties</i>	365
<i>Number of National Historic Landmarks</i>	11
<i>National Natural Landmarks</i>	1
<i>National Park Units</i>	2

Congressional Districts 6

Local Government Units 893



Profile

Steel made a great imprint on the Pittsburgh region in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The industry made possible railroads, skyscrapers, and shipbuilding while altering corporate practice and labor organization. There are remnants of numerous mills as well as communities founded by mill workers, many of which are linked by hiking trails and riverboat tours. The collection of sites is also known as “Rivers of Steel.”

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